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Task force targets arsonists

Police chief hopes unit, public tips will smoke out suspects

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

A group of arsonists may be responsible for setting the city ablaze in recent weeks, police Chief Mike Boyd told a rare Sunday news conference, adding he has set up a new task force to light a fire under whoever is to blame.

"We have some persons that we're looking at right now," he said. "Our files include individuals who have records of arson and fire-setting in the past."

One person has been arrested and charged in connection with four fires that were set in the city's north end two weeks ago.

Boyd said that though an arrest has been made, the flames are far from being extinguished, as a series of fires was set last week and over the weekend around Stony Plain Road. He said it's possible a group of people may be responsible.

"Our concern is that these fires seem to be growing more severe in the setting and the results."

He said police feel there are motivating factors for the fires, and that the arsonists may be on the move.

"We're in no way ruling out the possibility that this offender or offenders may change their location. In fact, we're anticipating that might happen."

Boyd said that police have gathered information that they feel may lead to an arrest, though they are still asking for help from the public to catch the firebugs.

"It's about being the community's eyes, and ears," he said, adding a special request to bus drivers, taxi drivers, delivery drivers, and anyone that might be out at odd hours to keep an eye out.

"The person or persons involved in these fires will not always be acting suspiciously. They will be moving to and from the community. They will be getting themselves to a point where they can feel safe and confident that they can set the fire."

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on guard

» Police Chief Mike Boyd added people should be mindful of how they store their garbage, or anything that can be set ablaze.

Cabs sparse at night: Report

By **ANDREW COWIE**
for Metro Edmonton

In a city with a metropolitan population of about one million people, there are only 50 cabs on Edmonton streets at 2 a.m. when the bars are closing, a recent report shows.

The number of cabs on the street was found to hit 200 at 7 p.m. on a Saturday night, but that number dwindled to 120 by 10 p.m. before finally sliding to 50 at 2 a.m.

"Many drivers are very reluctant to remain in service through bar closing, for their own safety and their preservation of their taxi vehicle," said the city report, which looked at dispatching methods of taxi companies.

"Taxi brokers are unable to 'force' drivers to work the night shift," said the report, which recommended the city look at other methods of nighttime transport.

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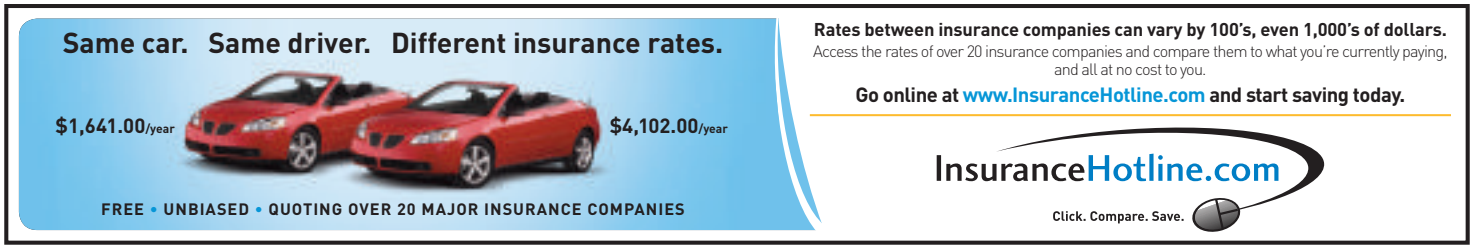
Paddling up high river

Experienced members of the Edmonton Dragon Boat Racing Club take one of the club's 12-metre boats on the river yesterday afternoon. The club had a public barbecue at Rafters' Landing to kick off the season, but due to fast current and high water, not all members were able to go out on the water.



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Vespa

Mercury Opera is having a Supper/Silent Auction on Friday at St. John's Cultural Centre (10611-110th Avenue). Proceeds go to an August tent production of Pagliacci. The auction features a Vespa LX 50, Vespa rental packages, designer duds and more. Tickets: $16. Call 637-5829 or visit *www.mercuryopera.com*.

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Cop off payroll with new charge

Chief says decision not made because of petition

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

An off-duty police officer charged with a long list of drinking and driving offences won't be receiving a paycheque any longer, after being slapped with an additional charge for improper storage of a firearm at his home.

The decision is too little, too late, says Theresa Offermann, who has been petitioning to get Const. Douglas Kurtis Brown off the payroll since the accident landed her neighbour Robert Wasyliw in the hospital with severe burns a few weeks ago.

"Chief Boyd said that they've cut his pay because of additional charges? Those charges have nothing to do with the impaired," she said yesterday.

In the early morning hours of May 11, the BMW that Brown was driving blew through a red light, slamming into a pickup truck. Within seconds, the truck burst into flames, trapping the 18-year-old driver inside.

Brown was slapped with 11 impaired driving charges as a result of the incident, though still received pay.

The additional charge Brown now faces is the result of an on-going investigation conducted after the accident.

Since the accident, Offermann and a group of petitioners have been canvassing the streets of Edmonton, and have collected over 1,500 signatures, in hopes of changing repercussions when officers get charged with impaired driving.

"I'm a citizen that pays taxes and doesn't want to pay for him to be on a vacation," she said. "As citizens, we have one guideline to follow. Officers make their own standard to follow, and decide to change it and break it whenever they want without repercussions."

Boyd said yesterday, that his decision to suspend Brown without pay was in no way related to the petition.

"I recognize that the individuals that started the petition feel strongly about the alleged actions of constable Brown, however, I did not allow that to influence my decision making in any way."

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Songwriter **Next big thing**

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Songwriter Carrie Hryniw performs at the Roxy Theatre on 124 Street, yesterday, as part of Songwriters In The Round for Nextfest. The event was recorded live by CBC Radio 2, to be broadcast on the Canada Live program. Nextfest, showcasing theatre, dance and visual art runs until June. 15.

Teens arrested after swarming

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

A group of five teen girls are facing a long list of charges after three vicious robberies in the downtown core on the weekend.

At around 8 p.m., the girls approached a woman waiting for the bus near Jasper Avenue and 102 Street. They attacked her, stealing her cellphone and glasses.

Minutes later, police received a call that the vicious teenagers struck again, just one block over.

In the second incident, the group made off with another cell phone and pair of glasses, though this time targeting a man.

Only a few minutes later, the girls attacked another victim, stealing her purse, then fleeing to Churchill Square on foot.

Witnesses followed the girls to Churchill Square, where they were arrested by police.

Two 15-year-olds, a 14-year-old, a 13-year-old and a 12-year-old are all facing robbery, mischief and stolen property charges.

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Bodies recovered of three missing on Devil's Lake

Friends and family of three people, including a five-year-old, who went missing on Devil's Lake last week can now plan for funeral services after their bodies were pulled from the water this weekend.

Zsolt Voros, 40, his five-year-old son, Hunor LeRose, and his friend, Kyle Digout, 25, went missing a week ago after planning to go on a fishing trip.

Voros' body was pulled from the lake Saturday afternoon three hours before searchers pulled Digout and the young boy from the lake.

As divers and search crews were combing the 300 acre lake in the last few days, friends and family hosted a vigil on the lake's shores.

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Police discover skeleton after dog retrieves human skull

A Strathcona County homeowner made a gruesome discovery over the weekend, after his dog carried home a human skull.

On Thursday evening, police were dispatched to a home in the rural subdivision of Belvedere Heights, where a 41-year-old man had indeed, recovered the remains of a human head.

After a search of the area, police discovered the remains of a skeleton on the property.

The rural area east of Edmonton has become a notorious hot-spot for the discovery of human remains.

Project KARE, a police division dedicated to investigating the disappearance of those living a high-risk lifestyle, was notified in the incident, but is not actively involved in the investigation.

Police won't be releasing the sex, age, race, or any details of the identity of the body, pending results of a Medical Examiner's report, slated for today.

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Edmonton has two high schools in the top 22 in recent rankings by The Fraser Institute, a conservative think tank: Old Scona at Number 1, and Archbishop MacDonald in 9th place. Calgary, has nine schools in the top 22. METRO EDMONTON

Soldier killed in fall down well

Snyder had plans to marry after finishing mission

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

An Edmonton-based soldier described as a role model to Afghan troops in the country's Zhari District was killed on the weekend after falling 20 metres down a well while on night patrol.

Capt. Jonathan (Jon) Sutherland Snyder was a member of the First Battalion with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based at the Edmonton Garrison.

The Penticton, B.C.-raised soldier was on his second tour duty in Afghanistan and it was his third mission overseas.

"Jon was serving as a mentor and role model to members of the Afghan National Army, and his leadership in the field likely saved both Canadian and Afghan lives," said Brig-Gen. Denis Thompson in a statement.

> « *We will not forget his sacrifice as we continue our mission to bring peace and stability to citizens of Afghanistan.* »
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> *Brig-Gen. Denis Thompson*

"We will not forget his sacrifice as we continue our mission to bring peace and stability to citizens of Afghanistan."

Snyder was going to get married after his mission. He also leaves behind his parents.

After members of Snyder's patrol were unsuccessful in getting him out of the well on Saturday night, medical, search and engineering teams used a helicopter to lift him out, said the Department of National Defence.

Snyder was rushed to a military hospital at Kandahar airfield, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

The wells, also known to Afghan people as "kariz," litter the Zhari district and Thompson said the wells are often unmarked and are all connected to an underground irrigation system.

The last Alberta-based soldier to die in the war-torn country was 36-year-old Cpl. Michael Starker who was killed during an insurgent attack in the Zharey District.

Meanwhile, An Afghan journalist who was working for the BBC World Service was also killed yesterday after his body was found in southern Afghanistan with a gunshot wound to his head.

Abdul Samad Rohani is the fourth journalist killed in the war-torn country in the past year.

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BBQ for Sick Kids **Darling dinosaur**

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Three-year-old Whitney Chau has a dinosaur painted on her cheek yesterday by artist Lady Dolphin during festivities for the 12th Annual Relay/Walk and BBQ for Kids With Cancer. The event took place in Hawrelak Park.

Police seeking van owner

Seized vehicle in hit-and-run

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

know something?

» Police are asking people with information in the case to call 423-4567.

Police are hoping the owner of a van they seized yesterday comes forward two days after a driver mowed down a 25-year-old man in a south-side nightclub parking lot.

The van was involved the hit-and-run collision Saturday morning near 92 Street and 34 Avenue, police believe, that sent the man to hospital with serious head injuries.

The man will require several surgeries to reconstruct his head and scalp, police said.

A dark, purple 1999 Dodge Caravan with tinted rear windows and damage on its front end was left abandoned near 20 Avenue and 40 Street where someone saw the driver flee the vehicle around 5 p.m. Saturday, police said.

"The registered owner hasn't come to us yet to inform to us that it has been stolen, or that it has been in any suspicious activity" said Cst. Troy Forester.

"Right now we're interested in talking to the registered owner and we would like him to come forward and explain his side of the story," he said, adding the owner's last known address was in Edmonton.

»news In Brief

» **ID** Investigators have confirmed the identity of one of two men found dead in a farmer's field northeast of Edmonton a week ago. RCMP will only say that one victim is a 40-year-old Red Deer man, and will not release his full identity, pending positive identification of the second body. Though the forensic investigation into the second body is progressing, investigators won't say exactly when results will be released. On May 30, the two decomposing bodies were discovered near a farmer's field near Lamont. METRO EDMONTON

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SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Not as hospitable as we thought?

Think tank finds surprising ideals on immigration

Canadians' vision of themselves as hospitable to people fleeing persecution elsewhere doesn't entirely hold up, a poll for a prestigious think-tank says.

While Canadians champion the idea of allowing skilled workers or separated family members into the country, they are less enthusiastic about refugees, concludes the poll by Nanos Research in for the June issue of Policy Options magazine, published by the Montreal-based Institute for Research on Public Policy.

"What it's telling us is there's a disconnect between our self-image of welcoming immigrants and how we actually act," said Nik Nanos, president of the polling firm. "We think we have open arms for people from places that are very dangerous but practicality kicks in when they get here."

The poll asked people whether three factors should be considered important when selecting immigrants. Across Canada, 68.2 per cent chose job skills, 58.8 per cent said family reunification and only 40.1 per cent picked refugee status — down sharply. The strong support for family reunification reflects the "psychological mindset" in this country, Nanos said. "Many Canadians have an uncle or a family member who came here first after the Second World War and brought over other family members."

Family reunification and hand-picking skilled workers are key elements of immigration reform in the Harper government's implementation bill that is on course to receive House of Commons approval in its entirety by June 20. "This shows the intent of the bill is generally in sync with voters," said Nanos.

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dual citizenship supported

» The poll also sought opinions on the concept of dual citizenship. Nanos found the majority support for it — 51.3 per cent overall and 54.2 per cent in Ontario — surprising but also a reflection of modern Canada.

crime

Nova Scotia jail escapee arrested

CARVERY Justice officials say it's not yet known whether a man who escaped from jail guards in Halifax will remain in custody in Toronto or return to Nova Scotia after being arrested last week. Jermaine Carvery was arrested in Niagara Falls, Ont., after being on the lam for two months. The 30-year-old faces charges of attempted murder and hostage-taking in Nova Scotia.

He slipped out of leg irons and ran away from two unarmed guards while being escorted to a Halifax hospital on April 3rd.

Vancouver World triathlon

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Igor Sysoev of Russia, left, Simon Whitfield of Canada and Matthew Reed of the U.S. pour it on in a dramatic finish at the Vancouver International Triathlon yesterday. Whitfield, Canada's top hope and 2000 Olympic gold medallist finished sixth losing out to Reed in a lunging fall at the finish line.

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» **TRADE** Canada said Saturday it had wrapped up free trade negotiations with Colombia and had also reached an agreement on environmental issues, but the deal could raise criticism at home over Columbia's human rights record.

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Khadr catches break in Gitmo case

Guantanamo Bay interrogators were directed to destroy handwritten notes in an attempt to minimize the chances they could have their actions questioned in court, states a newly released document that could derail the case of Canadian Omar Khadr.

The document confirms for the first time that the Pentagon had a policy recommending that original notes be systematically destroyed — something detainee defence lawyers argue undermines their ability to challenge the government's evidence.

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Questions arise over Harper's vision

Blasts Liberals, Dion for proposed carbon tax plan

The "vision thing" — as the first President George Bush so famously dismissed it — is the looming question as the Canadian political season draws to an end and parties head out for a summer of politicking and planning.

Harper

Two and a half years after Stephen Harper's Conservatives took power, even those closest to him are at a loss to detail what is the Prime Minister's vision for leading the country. It is not an unreasonable question to ask about a prime minister who frames every answer to every question in terms of leadership. But it is apparently a sensitive one. During a recent background conversation, two senior Tory sources first scoffed, then shrugged off a question about what vision or narrative will take the government through to October 2009, when by law an election will be held if it's not triggered earlier by a non-confidence vote

The throne speech outlined five priorities those Tory insiders insist: strengthening Canada's sovereignty and place in the world; building a stronger federation; providing effective economic leadership; continuing to tackle crime; and improving the environment.

Harper's critics dispute any claim to progress on those fronts.

In fact, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion wants the next election to be about policy vision, which is why he is prepared to gamble so big on a carbon tax.

Harper's Tories have responded to that vision by releasing a series of sneering radio ads that portray the Grits plan as a massive tax grab.

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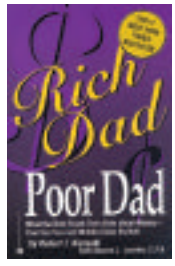

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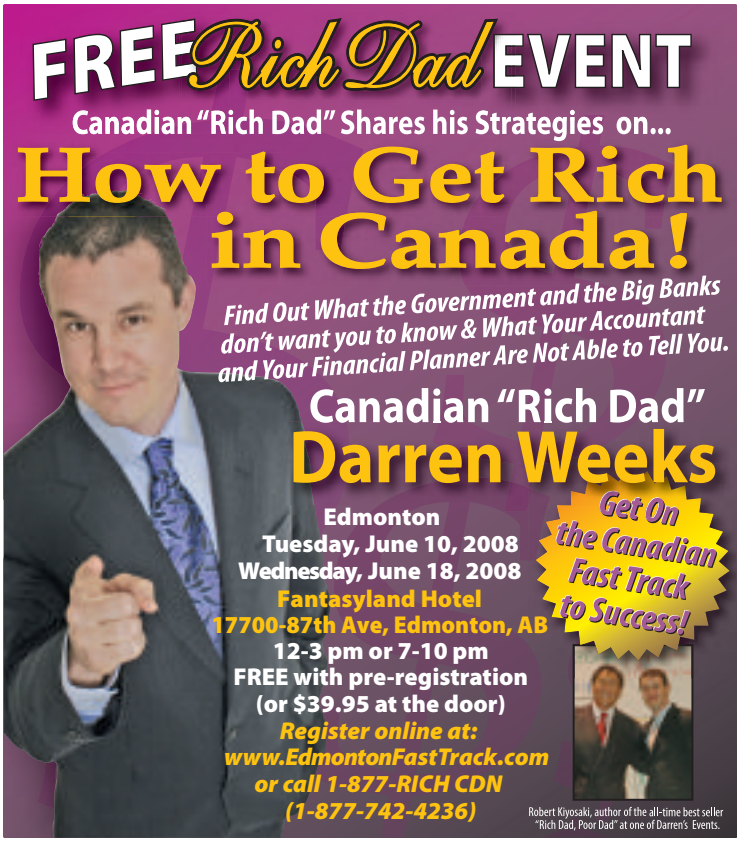

world

Two elderly Italian nuns chained themselves to a lamp post outside the Vatican yesterday claiming they had been wrongly expelled from their cloistered convent and wanted Pope Benedict to help them return. REUTERS

U.S. election

Obama's pick for VP now the focus

POLITICS With Hillary Clinton out of the U.S. presidential race, Democrats yesterday began healing wounds from a bruising nominating contest and speculated about Barack Obama's vice presidential choice. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **CHINA** A lake created by the Chinese earthquake which threatens to unleash a devastating flood is still rising despite urgent efforts to drain the waters off safely, Xinhua news agency reported yesterday.

» **FIRE** Arson is suspected in a fire that severely damaged the unoccupied Texas Governor's Mansion in Austin, home to the state's chief executive since before the U.S. Civil War, fire officials said yesterday. REUTERS

7 die in rampage

Twelve more hurt in stabbing spree on Tokyo street

A man who said he was tired of life went on a stabbing rampage yesterday in a crowded Tokyo shopping street, killing seven people and wounding a dozen others.

The man drove a rental truck into a crowd of pedestrians at lunchtime and then walked down the street knifing passers-by in Akihabara district, known for its discount electronics and maid cafes.

"I came to Akihabara to kill people," Kyodo news agency quoted the attacker as telling police. "I am tired of the world. Anyone was OK. I came alone."

A Tokyo police spokesman said at least seven people had been killed and 12 wounded.

ISSEI KATO/REUTERS

An ambulance worker escorts a man at Tokyo's Akihabara shopping and amusement district yesterday.

The dead were six men aged 19 to 74 and a 21-year-old woman, the news agency said.

The police said a man had been arrested, and television stations showed a slight, blood-splattered 25-year-old being herded into a police car.

Witnesses said the rampage was stopped when a policeman armed with a gun confronted the man, who NHK television said was shouting as he cut down his victims. REUTERS

Earthquake kills two in Greece

Tremor injures 125, dozens of homes damaged

An earthquake struck southern Greece yesterday, killing two villagers, injuring 125 people and damaging dozens of homes, authorities said.

Panicked residents ran into the streets and some jumped from balconies when the quake, measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale, struck at 1525 local time, 54 km south of the western port city of Patras.

The village of Kato Achaia near the epicentre appeared to be hardest hit by the tremor, which was felt as far away as Italy.

One man was found dead under a collapsed wall and an 80-year-old woman from a nearby village died in hospital of a heart attack after being injured.

A Reuters witness said about half a dozen old houses at the entrance of the village had collapsed and one church had visible damage.

Aftershocks were continuing, with many residents in the region set to spend the night outdoors and in cars, too scared to return to their residences. REUTERS

four rescued

» At least four people, including a 9-year-old girl who had been trapped among collapsed houses, were rescued soon after the quake, officials said.

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Astronauts complete tasks

Shuttle crew finish outfitting new Kibo research laboratory

Spacewalking astronauts from U.S. shuttle Discovery finished outfitting Japan's newly arrived Kibo research laboratory and carried out other tasks during 6½ hours of work outside the International Space Station yesterday.

Astronauts Michael Fossum and Ronald Garan also did preventive maintenance on the station's air conditioner, which NASA wants in the best shape possible before the shuttle fleet's retirement in 2010.

coming home

» Discovery, which arrived at the orbital outpost June 2, is scheduled to depart on its trip home Wednesday.

Yesterday's work was the latest in an ambitious schedule to complete construction of the $100-billion station over the next two years.

Nine more shuttle flights to the station are planned by the U.S. space agency, along with a single flight to upgrade the Hubble Space Telescope.

Soaring 210 miles over Earth, Fossum and Garan floated back inside and closed the station's airlock by 4:28 p.m. EDT.

Their main job was to replace a 550-pound tank of nitrogen used to pressurize the outpost's ammonia cooling system. REUTERS

40 workers hurt in acid tank blast

Cause of accident at Chinese plant being investigated

A tank containing hydrochloric acid exploded at a factory in southeastern China, injuring more than 40 workers, Xinhua reported yesterday.

The accident occurred early Saturday at the Quannao electrical appliance factory in the Bao'an District of Shenzhen when workers were filling a 3,000-litre tank with the acid.

Thousands of workers in nearby factories were evacuated, according to the report, which cited local authorities.

More than 40 workers were hospitalized for abdomen and throat pains, including one who was in critical condition.

The cause of the accident was being investigated. The company uses hydrochloric acid to clear circuit boards, officials said. REUTERS

Kite surfing **Flying high in Aruba**

CARLOS GARCIA RAWLINS/REUTERS

A kite surfer is seen during a competition in Aruba yesterday. The extreme sport of kite surfing involves massive wind-powered kites propelling a surfer on a small board.

import costs

Soaring prices hurt Cuba's economy

EXPENSES Soaring fuel and food import costs have hurt Cuba's state-run economy, even as President Raul Castro works to meet a pledge to improve citizens' lives, a senior government official said.

Cuban Vice-President Carlos Lage broke the news in a weekend speech to municipal government leaders, carried by the Juventud Rebelde newspaper yesterday. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **MIDEAST** The Palestinian Authority has delayed paying its workers this month after Israel withheld tax funds in anger over Palestinian attempts to block upgraded European Union-Israeli ties, officials said yesterday. A senior Israeli official said the Israeli Finance Ministry has since approved the transfer of funds, but would deduct about a quarter of the 250 million shekel ($75 million US) payment to cover Palestinian Authority debts to Israeli utilities. REUTERS

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business

The South Korean government vowed yesterday to crack down on street protests after daily candle-lit rallies against President Lee Myung-bak's decision to resume imports of U.S. beef turned into a violent clash with police. REUTERS

G8 meet over oil crisis

Talks focus on curbing demand

Group of Eight energy ministers yesterday looked inward for solutions to oil's unrelenting rally, touting the need for efficiency rather than piling pressure on a resistant OPEC to pump more crude.

OPEC

» OPEC members saw no need yesterday to pump more oil in response to last week's surge in oil prices that top exporter Saudi Arabia described as unjustified.

Oil prices jumped more than $10 higher on Friday to a record $139 US a barrel, the biggest one-day surge.

But the Group of Eight nations — plus non-G8 China, India and South Korea — could agree on little more than expressing "serious concerns" over oil prices.

Amid a growing acknowledgement they would have to find ways of tempering demand rather than counting on producers to pump ever more oil, they focused on technology, conservation and diversification.

The group also called on oil producers to boost investment to ensure steady supplies, but they did not ask them to pump more crude today, despite growing public anger over climbing fuel prices.

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Energy officials from the Group of Eight, including Canadian Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn, and three major Asian consumer nations' officials pose for a photo at the energy ministers meeting in Aomori, northern Japan, yesterday.

jobless rate

More jobs created — all part-time

UNCHANGED A surge in manufacturing jobs helped employment rise by 8,400 overall in May, Statistics Canada said Friday. Part-time work accounted for all the gains. Across Canada, a net loss of 32,200 full-time jobs occurred, the sharpest such decline since June 2006. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.1 per cent. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kearl project

Ottawa restores oilsands approval

PERMIT Imperial Oil Ltd. again has all the approvals it needs to go ahead with its $8 billion Kearl oil sands project after the Department of Fisheries and Oceans reinstated its authorization, revoked in March during a legal battle. The department gave Imperial a new permit Friday to disturb fish habitat at the site. REUTERS

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sports

19-year-old Tour rookie Tseng Yani, left, of Taiwan birdied the fourth hole of a sudden-death playoff against Sweden's Maria Hjorth to win the LPGA Championship yesterday for her first major title. REUTERS

Celtics barely hang on

Lakers almost come back from 24-point deficit

CELTICS 108 LAKERS 102

In what had been a blowout with under eight minutes remaining, the Boston Celtics denied the Los Angeles Lakers one of the most incredible comebacks in playoff history, holding on for a 108-102 win last night in Game 2 of the NBA Finals.

Paul Pierce showed little effects of a knee injury, scoring 28 points, including hitting two big free throws in the final minute for the Celtics, who nearly blew a 24-point lead in the fourth but moved to 12-1 at home in the playoffs and are halfway to their first championship since 1986.

Pierce, who was carried off the court with a sprained right knee in the third quarter of Thursday's opener before coming back to lead the Celtics to a 98-88 win, shot 9-of-16 from the field and had eight assists.

Leon Powe led a spirited effort from Boston's bench with a playoff career-best 21 points. Powe, who came into the game averaging 4.6 points in the playoffs, went 6-of-7 from the floor and 9-of-13 at the foul line.

Kevin Garnett totaled 17 points and 14 rebounds in the win, while Ray Allen had 17 points and Rajon Rondo finished with 16 assists for Boston.

Kobe Bryant had 21 of his 30 points in the second half for the Lakers, who also got 17 points and 10 rebounds from Pau Gasol. Vladimir Radmanovic had 13 points and 10 boards.

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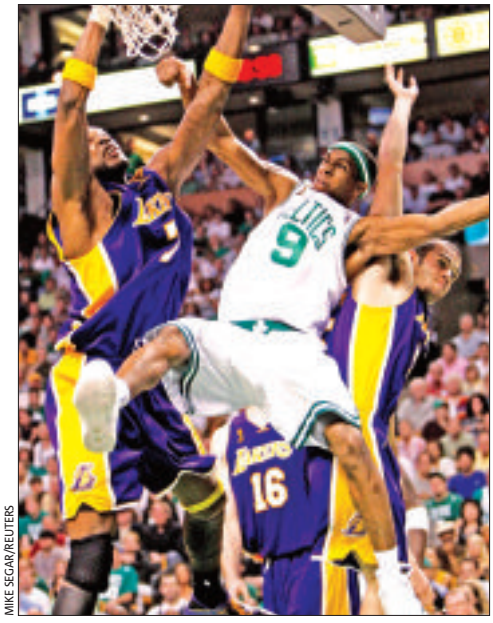

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Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo collides with Los Angeles Laker forward Lamar Odom, left, during last night's game. The Celtics nearly blew a 24-point lead, but hunt on to win 108-102.

Ray will be key to Eskimos' success

QB shaking off rust from longer-than-usual break

By **ROBIN BROWNLEE** for Metro Edmonton

Good as ever? That's pretty good.

The best news for Edmonton Eskimos fans going into this CFL season is that quarterback Ricky Ray looks ready to pick up right where he left off before a separated shoulder ended his 2007 campaign.

Ray, who started Edmonton's first 13 games before his season came to an end on a blindside hit against Toronto Sept. 28, hasn't shown any ill effects through the first week of training camp.

"I feel as good as ever right now," says Ray. "Physically, my body is fine. It's just like coming into any other season. As for the shoulder, it really hasn't bothered me since early winter.

"That's the last time I really had any soreness in it. It feels like just another normal training camp for me."

Ray, 28, was on pace to take a run at career bests for passing yardage and touchdown passes despite the Eskimos' struggles through 13 games — the 2005 Grey Cup MVP had 22 TD passes and 3,652 yards, finishing with a career-high completion percentage of 69.9.

When the Eskimos all-time leader in passing yards and completions hit the deck, so did Edmonton's playoff hopes. It's no surprise, then, there were some questions about Ray's health coming into camp.

"Ricky's been pretty good," head coach Dan Maciocia said. "He's got a command and understanding of what we're doing offensively. As we go along, he'll look even better."

With the second week of camp underway and just five days before the Eskimos open the pre-season against the Stampeders in Calgary on Friday, Ray's been the class of the quarterback corps.

Obviously, it's not like Ray has to make the team. For him, it's about knocking off the rust of a longer-than-usual off-season, adjusting to a revamped playbook under new offensive co-ordinator Rick Worman and figuring out who's who in an improved group of receivers.

"I'm really happy with how he's throwing the football," Worman said. "I think his arm strength is 100 per cent. We want to work on timing. We want to work on continuity with some new receivers and with some of the new offensive philosophies we have.

"I don't see any hesitation in him whatsoever. He's a pretty cool customer."

As Ray goes, so go the Eskimos. So far, so good.

ON THE SIDELINES … there's got to be concern over Adam Braidwood, who has already missed four straight days after tweaking his surgically repaired left knee … with Jason Tucker resting a cranky back most of opening week, Fred Stamps and rookie import Kelly Campbell have been the best of the receivers … offensive lineman Patrick Kabongo spent the weekend in Montreal attending a family matter.

tennis

Nadal claims fourth French Open

ATP In the end Roger Federer, like the incredulous crowd at Roland Garros, had no choice but to salute Rafael Nadal.

Nadal

The irrepressible Spaniard put a shell-shocked Federer firmly in his place with a brutal 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 demolition to complete the most lopsided French Open men's final victory for 31 years. REUTERS

Podolski powers Germany

Polish-born striker scores twice

EURO 2008

Euro 2008 favourites Germany made a winning start with a 2-0 victory over Poland in Klagenfurt yesterday, but there was trouble in the Austrian city as 140 mainly German fans were detained by police.

Germany's win sent them to the top of Group B after Croatia had earlier ground out a 1-0 victory over Austria who, like fellow co-hosts Switzerland the day before, started the championship with a narrow defeat.

Widely seen as the weakest teams in their respective groups, Austria and Switzerland risk an early exit from a tournament already struggling to fire the imagination of the home fans.

On the pitch things could not have gone better for Germany. Their Polish-born forward Lukas Podolski scored both goals to secure their first victory at a European Championship since they won the final of Euro 96 at Wembley.

Podolski steered the ball into an empty net midway through the first half from a pass by Miroslav Klose, another Polish-born striker, and volleyed the second in the 72nd minute.

Victory for Germany over Croatia in Thursday's game would make a place in the last eight a formality.

Croatia were much less impressive when they took three points from the day's opening game, which was decided by a fourth minute penalty slotted home by Luka Modric. REUTERS

»sports In Brief

» **NHL** Detroit Red Wings goalie Dominik Hasek will announce his retirement at a news conference today according to various media reports. Hasek has won six Vezina Trophies and two Hart Trophies in his NHL career.

» **NHL** Former San Jose Sharks head coach Ron Wilson will likely sign a four-year $5.6M deal tomorrow to be the new coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Wilson has also coached in Anaheim and Washington.

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Kubica wins Canadian Grand Prix

Polish driver wins his first F1 race

Poland's Robert Kubica took his and BMW Sauber's first grand prix victory in Montreal yesterday to wrest the Formula One championship lead from McLaren's Lewis Hamilton on a miserable afternoon for the Briton.

Hamilton, who enjoyed his breakthrough win on the same course last year, inexplicably drove into the back of Kimi Raikkonen's Ferrari in a pit-lane collision that put the top two drivers out of the race.

In their absence, Kubica seized his chance.

He took the lead on lap 43 when Toyota's Timo Glock pitted and took the checkered flag ahead of German team mate Nick Heidfeld in a momentous one-two finish for the Swiss-based team.

REUTERS

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BMW Sauber driver Robert Kubica celebrates his win at the Canadian F1 Grand Prix in Montreal yesterday.

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MLB

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Toronto 5 Baltimore 4
Boston 2 Seattle 1
Chicago White Sox 12 Minnesota 2
Detroit 5 Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 6 Kansas City 3
Oakland 7 L.A. Angels 3 (12 ings)
Texas 6 Tampa Bay 3
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida 9 Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 3 Colorado 2
Philadelphia 6 Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 6 Arizona 4
San Diego 8 N.Y. Mets 6
San Francisco 6 Washington 3
St. Louis 5 Houston 4
Chicago Cubs 3 L.A. Dodgers 1
TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 12:05
Cleveland at Detroit, 5:05
Seattle at Toronto, 5:07
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 8:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Arizona at Pittsburgh, 10:35
Cincinnati at Florida, 5:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Washington, 5:10

EURO 2008

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Croatia 1 Austria 0
Germany 2 Poland 0
TODAY'S GAMES
Romania vs. France, 10
Netherlands vs. Italy, 12:45
TOMORROW'S GAMES
Spain vs. Russia, 10
Greece vs. Sweden, 12:45

LOTTERIES

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workology

Accountemps recently cited some common job search mistakes, one of them being: Posting indiscriminately. Consider your online image, and don't post anything that would appear unprofessional to a hiring manager. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Working without using words

Non-verbal communication speaks volumes

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW** for Metro Edmonton

Sometimes the most powerful things you can say don't take any words at all.

Body language, good or bad, says a lot more about how you really feel than words alone so you have to make sure your body is speaking the same message your lips are, says keynote speaker and author Carol Kinsey Goman.

In her book, The Non-Verbal Advantage: Secrets and Science of Body Language at Work, Goman offers research, insights and tips to ensure your body language computes with the message you want to convey.

Body language is hard-wired and more primal than the spoken word, Goman says, because long before actual language took root, early humans had to use the visual cues in body language to understand and communicate with other people.

Today, Goman says the key to projecting good body language is to visualize your best behaviour beforehand and make a choice to project a good mood.

"You may have had a lousy day, but you'd better be able to choose what attitude you want to bring into the room. People will pick up on your attitude almost instantly," Goman said.

Most importantly, Goman says projecting a good attitude with your body language can have a powerful uplifting effect on your actual emotional state.

"The same way how if you change your emotions your body language will change, if you change your body language your emotions will change too," she said.

Nothing is easier than a smile to get things rolling.

"A smile is probably the cheapest thing you can do to trigger the reward-stimuli part of the brain. You can spot it across a football field," Goman said.

Touch also taps in deeply to a person's primal instinct, making handshakes a powerful tool in communication.

"Absolutely shake hands with everyone you meet and make sure you have a nice, firm, solid handshake. It takes three hours of interaction to equal the amount of rapport you can get with one hand shake," she said.

Eye contact is of course crucial to good body language, but you don't want to stare so long that it starts to get creepy. Goman suggests a little trick to do it right.

"When you make eye contact (with someone), make sure to look long enough to notice what colour their eyes are," she said.

Ultimately, body language has much more influence on how people perceive you than just your words or actions alone, so make sure you're sending the right signals.

"In body language, it's not so much what you intend but what the person observing you believes you intend. You need to rethink your non-verbal signals through the eyes of the recipient and make sure your body language is congruent with the message you want to send," Goman said.

practice

» Body language techniques to practise:
» The eyebrow flash: widen your eyes and raise your eyebrows to show warmth towards someone. "It's a powerful subconscious signal that you like them," Goman said.
» Lean in slightly to show you feel engaged
» Turn square to face a woman; choose a slightly more oblique angle when facing a man
» Don't deal with people from behind your desk — stand up!
» Head nods work best in clusters of three at a time.

Body language is very primal to human instinct and is easily visible to all those involved.

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> *Carol Kinsey Goman*

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By **MARTY YORK**
for Metro Edmonton

Doctors, generally, are pretty sharp. Those prefixes in front of their names are there for a reason. They excel academically, or at least have at some point of their lives.

Having said this, it also is fair to suggest that, generally, a large number of Canadian doctors lack business acumen.

"That certainly appears to be the case," acknowledges Jivi Khehra, a medical-practice consultant for more than 14 years. "More and more doctors seem to be getting business degrees, but the majority of doctors who run private practices in Canada appear to be in need of definite assistance when it comes to running their businesses."

Khehra, who operates in New Westminster, B.C., is by no means knocking Canadian doctors for their business shortcomings.

"It's easily understandable," she says. "I can't tell you how many doctors I've met over the years who are so focused on their practices and on helping people that they simply don't have the time to properly run their businesses. Depending on where they are, doctors have anywhere from 1,500 to 2,200 patients. There are many … simply haven't had time to make themselves aware of how to operate efficiently."

> « *In too many cases, (doctors) don't even think about how to improve their businesses. They're too busy concentrating on their patients to concentrate on change.* »
> *Jivi Khehra*

Enter medical-practice consultants.

"We're like any other business consultants," she says, "except that we deal with people who often don't think of their practices as businesses.

"And, in too many cases, they don't even think about how to improve their businesses. They're too busy concentrating on their patients to concentrate on change."

Medical-practice consultants are paid to lead doctors into change.

Khehra has an MBA in leadership and is working on a PHD in organizational behaviour.

As she explains on her website, *www.windsofchange.info*, Khehra provides clients with programs that range from operational consulting and support to writing of organizational and training tools to customer service to managing and training employees.

Similarly, Practice Solutions Consulting (*www.practicesolutions.ca*), a conglomerate that was formed in 1996 and is affiliated with the Canadian Medical Association, has developed what it calls a "proven, six-step process" for doctors.

It covers everything from office-location advice to setting up telephone and computer systems.

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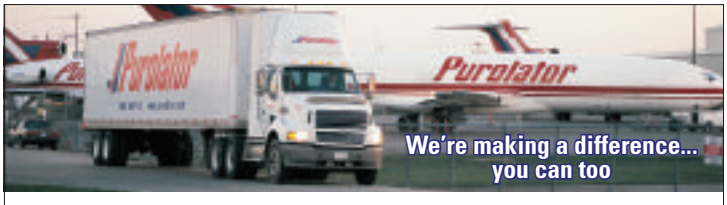

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entertainment

Keira Knightley, left, is close to signing on to play Eliza Doolittle in an update of the London-based classic My Fair Lady.

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weekend box office

» Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the first three days of the weekend beginning on June 6:

» 1. Kung Fu Panda, $60 million US

» 2. You Don't Mess With The Zohan, $40 million

» 3. Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, $22.8 million

» 4. Sex And The City, $21.3 million

» 5. The Strangers, $9.3 million

» 6. Iron Man, $7.5 million

» 7. Prince Caspian, $5.5 million

» 8. What Happens In Vegas, $3.4 million

» 9. Baby Mama, $779,000

» 10. Made Of Honor, $775,000 REUTERS

divorced

Heche told to pay for son's care

PEOPLE Anne Heche must give her ex-husband $275,000 US plus regular child-support payments for the care of their son, a judge has ruled, BBC News Online reports. Her five-year marriage to Coleman Laffoon ended last year. Heche has to provide $3,700 a month for Homer, plus 75 per cent of the costs of private school. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Alicia Keys finds herself

R&B singer turns troubled times into big success

SONY BMG PHOTO

Alicia Keys latest album, As I Am, debuted at No. 1 on record charts.

R&B singer Alicia Keys is enjoying a successful worldwide tour, a chart-topping album and will act in an upcoming movie, but it might not have happened, she said, were it not for a near breakdown two years ago.

Keys, whose current hits include No One, is in the middle of her As I Am tour. The new As I Am album debuted on record charts at No. 1 and has sold over three million copies.

In October, she makes her film debut in The Secret Life of Bees, starring Queen Latifah and Jennifer Hudson. Based on the best-selling novel of the same name, the movie is co-produced by Will Smith and backed by indie powerhouse Fox Searchlight.

While Keys seems to lead a charmed life and has the sort of career that most other 26-year-olds could barely imagine, it hasn't always been so rosy.

Two years ago, the singer went through a troubled period that nearly derailed her life and career. A workaholic lifestyle and the death of a close relative from cancer pushed her "very close" to the breaking point, she admits.

Instead of having a public meltdown, Keys faced her demons in private.

"I knew I needed time away, so I went to Egypt for a month — on my own, which gave it a whole different perspective," she told Reuters in a recent interview.

"It allowed me to see things I'd never seen before — all the temples on the Nile, the pyramids, the history. It was so rich and beautiful and strong, and it inspired me so much, and renewed me."

Keys said she felt like it was important to be alone so she could reflect on her thoughts and examine her life, away from the media spotlight. She also cut back her work schedule.

"I'm definitely a workaholic in some ways, although less than I was before," she said.

Ultimately, she said, the near-breakdown brought about an artistic breakthrough that helped shape the music on her third album and her edgier stage persona.

Billboard magazine, in its review of As I Am, said Keys "takes a step closer toward the soul revival popularized by John Legend, with full band arrangements and bright horn hooks, only occasionally falling back into the piano/melisma combination that drove the singles off her first two albums."

Keys has always prided herself on being in control of her career and music, producing her records and writing songs, but ironically, she was able to push herself more on the new album by giving up some of that control, she said.

"I purposely didn't have such a kind of controlling approach about it and I allowed the music to flow," she said. "I've come more into my own, and really, with experience comes confidence and a little bit more of awareness of how I would like to do it, having learned from the past."

She added that she is anxious to experiment even more and wants to work with rock acts like the White Stripes, Green Day, U2 or Coldplay.

"Things that are not quite of the same world, or so you think," she said, "but when you put them together it's just really interesting." REUTERS

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Chill out with these hot style tips

So! There's a heat wave upon us and you're looking around your space thinking; "Blimey; What do I do to lighten up, and how can I make my world that little bit fresher? Without, ahem, breaking the bank?"

Well, panic not — we're here to help. Stick with us, kids, and we'll soon have you refreshed, invigorated ... and a whole load cooler. Literally and visually.

First things first. It's time to pare back. Tear down those thick winter curtains and replace them with lighter voiles that'll visually freshen and allow summer breezes to float through your home. And, while you're at it, peel back those chunky wool throws, knobbly cushions and heavy bed dressings and seasonally adjust your environment.

COLIN & JUSTIN'S INTERIOR DIVINE

As replacements, opt for cooler cotton or silk Pashmina style throws and lightweight foam-filled cushions instead of feather.

If you really want to effect full seasonal adjustment then perhaps it's time to paint out the very warming wintry colours you chose at the end of last summer. However, if you don't want to completely redecorate, then by simply adding an accent wall in a cool shade like Dulux "Big Chill" (it's baby blue!) or Dulux "Early Frost" (a soft yet crisp green note) you can achieve surprisingly cooling results. Either of these selections would provide the perfect foil to existing mocha, caramel or even chocolate shades.

Colin and Justin's Top Five Cool Downs:

ONE: Invest in a sexy fan; "The Hampton Bay Retro," a gorgeous oscillating design finished in chrome, costs just $49.95. Available from Home Depot it can be used on your desk or can be adjusted to become a tall floor standing model.

TWO: Cast off those heavy layers and lighten up your soft furnishings with lightweight summer alternatives.

THREE: Accent walls rule! One or two paler walls will — visually — cool things down as the mercury ascends. Try light reflective paints by Rona, The Canadian How To People to further open up space.

FOUR: Mirror and mirrored furnishings will bounce light and brighten up even the dullest interior. Try *tanyas.ca* for a great choice.

FIVE: Invest in a cute wee water feature! You'd be amazed at the cooling power of a trickling indoor fountain. Click onto *tropicsnorthstudios.com* for streams of inspiration.

Finally, set your new scheme to a little music! And take it from us — nothing cools more than Serve Chilled '08 by Hed Kandi.

Featuring high on our "at home" soundtrack, it's a refreshingly relaxing vibe that'll help you shift down a few gears as the temperatures rise! Chill and enjoy!

Colin & Justin's The Home Show, airs Tuesdays at 11 p.m. and Saturdays at 4 p.m. ET on HGTV. *www.hgtv.ca*

The Recording Institute Association of America honoured singer-songwriter Jewel, right, with a plaque recently for her lifetime U.S. album sales of 18 million.

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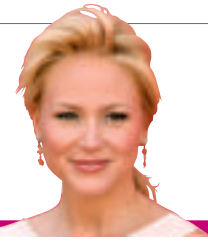

television

Smits joins Dexter as assistant DA

CASTING Former NYPD Blue star Jimmy Smits has joined the cast of Showtime's drama series Dexter, which begins its third season in the fall.

Smits will portray Miguel Prado, an ambitious, charismatic assistant district attorney who comes from one of Miami's most politically powerful and beloved families.

Smits

Dexter (Michael C. Hall), a blood-spatter expert for the Miami Police Department who moonlights as a serial killer, will join forces with Prado, who has risen in the ranks because his aggressive stance against crime, in the pursuit of a murderer who affects both of their lives directly.

television

Dennis Hopper to star in Crash show

CASTING Dennis Hopper will star in Crash, Starz Entertainment's 13-episode series based on the Oscar-winning ensemble drama.

Crash features a different cast of characters than the film. Hopper will play a veteran maverick music producer looking for his last big score. The veteran actor's most recent starring series role was NBC's E-Ring.

Clare Carey (Jericho) has also joined the cast. She will play a frustrated mom who is married to a successful pre-bust real estate developer.

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In Brief

» **MUSIC** The Grammy Museum will open its doors in Los Angeles in December with a weeklong celebration of the history of music. The four-floor, 32,000-square-foot site will feature interactive, permanent and travelling exhibits. The official launch is set for Dec. 6.

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A Simpsons-less future?

IDIOT BOX

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D'OH: Last week, I wrote a post about The Simpsons' ascension into the record books, signing with Fox for a 20th season that will tie the animated sitcom with Gunsmoke, the longest running show in primetime, and about the show's voice cast bit of brinksmanship that rewarded them with big paycheques for the same season — some $400,000 US per episode for actors such as Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Hank Azaria and others.

Not long after I typed the last period on that piece, Verne Gay of Newsday's TV Zone wrote that the triumph could be short-lived.

"With the 20th season, The Simpsons has perhaps become prohibitively expensive; it's sort of like that 15,000 pound Escalade collecting a mantle of dust in your garage because it costs $500 to fill up the tank..."

Gay points out that, while the show has gotten more expensive to produce, it has shed more than half of its viewers since its high water mark 1998 season, dipping to an average of just 7.7 million viewers per episode. "What does all this mean?" Gay asks. "That as the audience declines, the show costs are going up."

"In television, that always spells one thing, and I'll spell it out for you now: Cancellation."

After receiving an ominous "No comment" from a PR exec at Fox, Gay lets us linger on that scenario, pregnant with its vision of a Simpsons-less future — except for the syndicated episodes running four times a day. I somehow wish the show's writers could keep this image in their minds, as it might inspire them to make a potential finale season worthy of the show's reputation at its best. Or it will mean another dull but profitable movie. In either case, it's hard for me to summon up a convincing imitation of hope.

IT'S GOOD TO BE THE KING: Especially when, like Larry King, you can rely on your friends to make you look good by comparison. Wearing a neck brace for an unspecified injury, former Johnny Carson sidekick Ed McMahon appeared on King's CNN show last week to talk about the imminent foreclosure on his house, to pay for some $4.8 million in unpaid mortgage loans.

"If you spend more money than you make, you know what happens," said the new poster boy for financial imprudence in the age of the subprime crisis. "A couple of divorces thrown in, a few things like that."

McMahon's wife told King that they were a victim of poor financial management, and that until she married Ed, she'd never even owned a house.

"I don't think you'll own one again," said King, twisting the knife. Backstage, he offered to let the couple sleep in his motor home when he wasn't using it, provided Ed follow him around laughing at his jokes. Who says there's no love in showbiz?

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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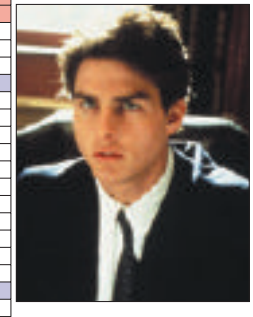
critics'corner

The Firm

A Memphis, Tenn., law firm makes rookie attorney Mitch McDeere (Tom Cruise) an offer that seems too good to be true. That's because it's buying more than his legal expertise; his new colleagues are up to their eyebrows in mob business, and no one here gets out alive. Jeanne Tripplehorn, Gene Hackman and Ed Harris also star in this 1993 legal thriller based on a John Grisham novel. 7 PM on SPIKE



Mantracker

Don't even try to escape; you're going to lose. Horse-riding tracker Terry Grant returns for another season to hunt down more people who think they are smarter than he is. The tracking is a little more difficult since the contestants have studied previous shows and have picked up a few ways to elude Grant. But considering he's accompanied by a local who knows the terrain inside and out, they really don't have much of a chance. 7 PM on OLN

celebritybuzz

Shania 'healing her broken heart'

Shania Twain opened up about her split from husband of 14 years, producer Robert "Mutt" Lange, on her website recently, usmagazine.com reports.

"As I am sure you have seen or heard; I am going through a rough time personally in my life," the country singer wrote.

"I wanted you all to know that I could not be getting through this without you.

"Your letters, emails and words of encouragement give me strength. Your overwhelming support reminds me to smile, no matter how deep the pain and to always be grateful for all the beautiful blessings in my life. I have so much to say but I know the best way for me to speak is through my music.

"This is my therapy, my passion, and my love. I look forward to sharing it with all of you as I begin this new journey.

"I need some time to heal this broken heart but make no mistake; I will be back and hopefully stronger than ever."

Twain and Lange announced their split on May 15. They have a son, Eja D'Angelo, 6. Twain's secretary and house manager disputed people.com's report that she broke up the Timmins, Ont., native's marriage. Metro News Services

Hayden kisses and tells

Hayden Panettiere won't talk about dating her Heroes co-star Milo Ventimiglia, but she recently revealed that she has no problem kissing other girls, according to tmz.com.

The 18-year-old actress told the UK edition of Glamour magazine about her experimental ways.

"It's great to be single. It's great to have boyfriends. Or girlfriends. There are occasions when you kiss your best friend growing up, having fun and goofing about. Like perfecting your technique!"

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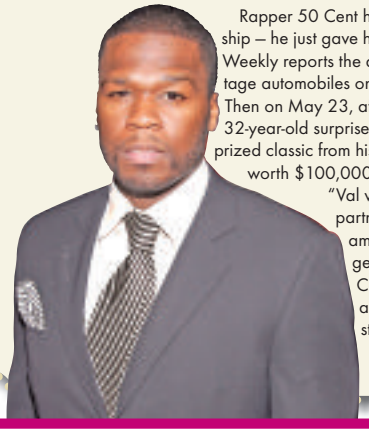
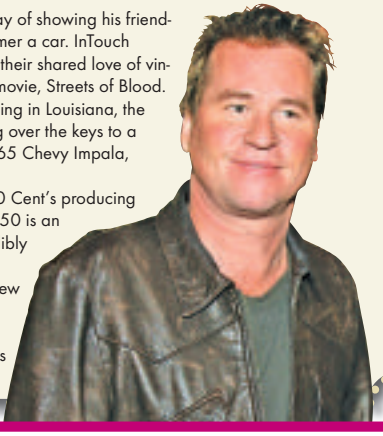
Fiddy doesn't nickel and dime





Rapper 50 Cent has an extravagant way of showing his friendship — he just gave his new co-star Val Kilmer a car. InTouch Weekly reports the duo first bonded over their shared love of vintage automobiles on the set of their new movie, Streets of Blood. Then on May 23, after just a week of filming in Louisiana, the 32-year-old surprised Val, 48, by handing over the keys to a prized classic from his personal fleet: a 1965 Chevy Impala, worth $100,000.

"Val was shocked," says 50 Cent's producing partner, Randall Emmett. "50 is an amazing guy and incredibly generous." Val and 50 Cent play cops in the new action flick, which also stars Sharon Stone.

Metro News Services

Swayze back to work

Getty Images photos

Patrick Swayze, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March, is heading back to work, usmagazine.com reports. A&E has ordered 13 episodes of his new series The Beast, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Swayze plays an unorthodox FBI veteran who trains a new partner while being pursued by a secret Internal Affairs team.

A&E execs told the Reporter that the actor's doctors have cleared him to resume work.

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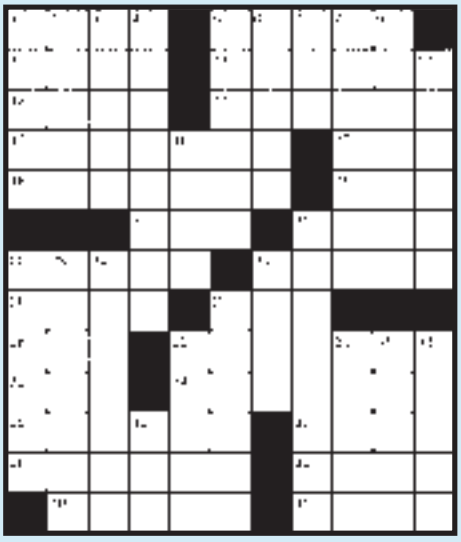

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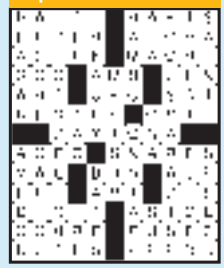

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A strange conversation will raise concerns. Buy something useful before tomorrow. Show appreciation to those who help you.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Let people focus on your talent. Astounding incidents of kindness will create harmony. Boasting can cause problems at work.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
You'll know that an ethical action is necessary. Don't rely on anyone who lacks integrity. Appreciate what an amusing guy says.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Go out of your way to help a painful situation. An accusatory woman is mistaken. A lesson is learned by a proud person.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
You'll speak soothingly to a friend. Refuse to argue when someone is troubled. Someone is being confrontational to create chaos.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Boost your health now to avoid ailments. Witty activity will be encouraged by friends. Better information comes from remarkable people.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A compulsive shopper will research a better bargain. Treat a colleague to a thrilling surprise. A lover won't hide any true feelings.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Give outsiders a time to remember. A forlorn walker will transform depression. Time is running out for a change to be made.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Be more direct in your encounters with honest people. You'll enjoy a truth-seeking discussion. Keep an open mind.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Happiness is found when things work out for the best. Bad habits can hinder a relationship. Delayed money will arrive.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Disregard your fears and take stock of your values. Now you can set realistic goals. Someone's love life is changed by innuendo.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You can take care of things by being unconventional. You will not seem to be a good organizer. You'll see a remarkable event. AVATAR VENUS

Friday's answer

The answers are customer and customer.

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

3	1	9	5	6	7	2	8	4
5	4	2	8	9	3	7	1	6
7	6	8	4	1	2	5	9	3
1	8	3	7	4	6	9	2	5
2	9	5	3	8	1	6	4	7
4	7	6	9	2	5	8	3	1
6	3	1	2	7	9	4	5	8
8	2	7	1	5	4	3	6	9
9	5	4	6	3	8	1	7	2

This Day IN HISTORY

June 9, 1650: The Harvard Corporation, the more powerful of the two administrative boards of Harvard, is established. It was the first legal corporation in the Americas.

June 9, 1934: Donald Duck debuts in The Wise Little Hen.

June 9, 1978: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints opens the priesthood to "all worthy men," ending a 148-year-old policy excluding black men.

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Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunny. 16°	Variable. Low 10°	60% Rain. 17°/9°	40% Showers. 21°/8°	Variable. 21°/8°

Temperature
Normals
High: 20.8°
Low: 7.4°

Records
High: 30.6°/1913
Low: -1.7°/1924

Sunrise: 5:05 a.m.
Sunset: 10:01 p.m.
Moonset: 1:32 a.m.
Moonrise: 12:25 p.m.

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